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SUBJ: VISIT TO ITALY BY SOVIET DEPUTY FOR FOREIGN TRADE KOMAROV

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1. BARRING LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN SCHEDULE, IT APPEARS THAT THE ON-AGAIN, OFF-AGAIN VISIT TO ROME BY SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE KOMAROV WILL FINALLY BE REALIZED. "CORRIERE EUROPEO" ("EUROPEAN COURIER") ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 3 THAT THE RECENTLY POSTPONED VISIT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 8.

2. THE PRESS ARTICLE REPORTED THAT KOMAROV WILL MEET IN ROME WITH ITALIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE OSSOLA AND FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY RADI. IN ADDITION, IT SUGGESTS THAT KOMAROV, PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, MAY MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ITALIAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY.

3. "CORRIERE EUROPEO," AS IN PREVIOUS ARTICLES, AGAIN OFFERS SPECULATION THAT THE PURPOSE OF KOMAROV'S VISIT IS THE FORMALIZATION OF AN AGREEMENT WHEREBY ITALY WILL PROVIDE A NEW LINE OF CREDIT FOR SOVIET IMPORT FINANCING TO THE SUM OF U.S. \$600 MILLION.BEAUDRY

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